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... FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Now that Spring is in the air, I hope all of you Northern members had a fairly good winter. One that didn't push too much snow or provide a little too much water. Here, in central Florida, we could use some of that rain.

We are getting ready for the A.N.A. Convention in New York City. I hope to see many of our members there. It is a fascinating place to visit.

I've been getting a lot of letters and phone calls that a list of new members be included in the *TEC News*, when they join. The membership application has a place asking if you would like your name listed in the newsletter. More than 90% prefer not to be listed. I don't know why. In the old days we were proud to be mentioned as members of TEC.

Membership rosters are available. Send $3.00 to Howard Sharkey to cover copying and mailing costs and he will send you one. Please use the list for correspondence and not soliciting. We always need new members. Sign up somebody soon.

All the members that don't have Rosato's book, Encyclopedia of the Modern Elongated, you don't know what you are missing. If you don't have the money to pay all at once, I know Angie will make terns so you can get it on time payments. As soon as this book sells out, you'll pay twice as much for it.

This will be a short letter as I just had eye surgery and a kidney stone removed. I'm on the mend.

Until next time as ever,

Gus

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Hearsay from Howard

By Howard Sharkey, TEC Secretary

I've been receiving orders for the 1997 ANA Convention items. If you plan on ordering the enamel badge this year, it's a good idea to get your order in as soon as possible. We have a June 1st deadline for the enamel badge orders, and we only make enough of them to fill our orders. This greatly limits the total number made. In 1996, there we only 31 badges made.

All of the convention items are made in small quantities. This makes them very attractive to own. There were only 75 regular badges and 80 of each of the TEC and ANA coin sets made last year. We started with 4000 handout coins, we passed out hundreds at the TEC booth in Denver. Notice, too, that the coin sets contain not only the cent, but the nickel, dime, quarter and half dollar, along with the other handout cent. These sets make excellent additions to our collections and make inexpensive souvenirs as well. The 1997 items will be from the New York ANA Convention.

Now, while you are thinking about it, make out your order and send it to me, Howard Sharkey, TEC Secretary, 203 S. Gladiolus St., Momence, IL 60954-1709. Send no money. I'll send you a bill when I receive the items to mail. Again! If you want an enameled badge, get your order in early and get on the list.

On a sad note, I received word that our longtime friend Al Bonesio passed away in January. My information came by way of his daughter, Ms. Norma Bonesio Montaigne, Rt. 7, Box 506 Pittsford, VT 05763, also a TEC member. Those of you who knew Al might want to respond either by mail or phone. Thank you.

State of Mind

Just a line to say I'm living,
that I'm not among the dead.
Though I'm getting more forgetful,
and I'm mixed up in my head.

It's my turn to write you,
(or did I write before?)
I think I owe you a letter.
I'd hate to be a bore.

I'm used to my bifocals,
and my dentures fit me fine.
My hearing aid is perfect,
but, oh, how I miss my mind.

I stand before the fridge at times,
my poor head filled with doubt.
Have I come to put some food away?
Or have I come to take some out.

Sometimes I can't remember,
at the bottom of the stairs,
if I must go up for something,
or have I just come down from there?

There are times when it is dark out,
and with my nightcap on my head,
I ask, "Am I retiring?...
or just getting up from bed?"

I do know that I miss you,
and I wish that you were near,
and now it's almost mail time,
so I must say goodbye here.

I'm standing by my mailbox
with a face so very red.
I didn't mail your letter,
I opened it instead.

Author Unknown

MARTIN's MUTTERINGS

by Lee Martin

The wonderful world of stretched coins has changed during the decades that I have been involved in the hobby but change is normal throughout numismatics. Change is not always for the better and we all know of coin dealers who ignore grading rules and invent their own. I have seen "like new", "good as can be" and other inventive terms that conceal rather than reveal a coin's wear.

Fortunately the elongated field does not have the condition theme to worry about. Unfortunately there are some elongateds that age has mistreated and/or the design lacks details. Age, rarity and subject matter are the guardians of value for hobbyists. Quantity is also vital for dealers.

The reverse of the coins is of interest and sometimes the image of Lincoln is used as the non-design area with the reverse featuring any one of various techniques to make the elongated an obvious coin. Failure to use coloring on new cents will usually result in a blank reverse which stumbles over the idea of using a coin for a design. Blank reverses are not very interesting so if the roller does not know how to obtain a hue, he or she often uses an older coin which at the very least will retain the design and not go blank. The dull reverse is practical but not pretty.

One of the favorite ways of making an attractive reverse is the spray application of shoe polish which dries quickly and can be found in various colors. I have forgotten the exact name of the polish but a little experimentation will quickly produce the item. After the spray has been added, drying time is involved and some rollers then use a clear high gloss polish. (available in art supply stores.) The high gloss enhances the appearance of the coin and can be used on both sides. 1978J

I don't know which coin currently is the most expensive elongated but I suppose the one Rosatto has been searching for will win that title when and if it is discovered. As I fade from everyday writing, my correspondence is slowed. This year I received only a few Christmas contacts and have to admit that I made only a few myself because of time, assignments from Miller Magazines and just general laziness. To get mail, one has to send mail. It is not exactly the Golden Rule but it is close.

I asked TEC members to send me hand colored elongateds with a return envelope and I would judge them and give a reward of some type... probably a free video or a special coin or whatever my elongated treasury has but when I sold out to Fairbanks, that treasury now looks like the last stages of an arid desert. Then I forget to include my address which is now printed in another article I have sent to our editor which I hope you enjoy as much as I did in writing about my fairy godfather.

There are so many reasons why TEC is so very enjoyable that it would be difficult to name them all in such a short column but the main reason is the members themselves and especially those who give and give by serving as the officers of this organization. I still feel they should be paid which might diminish our cash-rich treasury but would enrich the hobby by having longer terms in office. Anyone who would reject the payment could be paid in coins purchased from the rollers who make our hobby a constantly expanding one.

Time to say so-long now. Thank you for reading this far and I hope I am still able to say a few words in the next release.

Civil War Collection

By: Anita Zell, #1846

Probably my favorite collection within my collection is my 24-piece group of Civil War elongated coins. In the Las Vegas Numismatic Society Show in 1994, I exhibited these coins with typed stories of the Battle of Chicamauga, the duel of the Monitor and the Merrimac, and the Battle of Gettysburg. These are three of my most loved coins. The six Civil War Generals on biography cards from Jayrosass much historic content to such an exhibit. I was very happy to win second place with this display. Other elongated coins are: Beam Bottles listed as BUN-38 (South) and BUN-35 (North); a Chet Rogers issue depicting a house-shaped bottle with the legend, " This bottle stood with the troops at Gettysburg."; James Kilcoyne's Kentucky; birthplace of Lincoln and Davis; the Confederate flag; one by Thomas Ramsey of the Cilvil War Monument at Bedford, Ohio; Garret's Coin's Westernmost Battle of the Civil War at Picacho Pass, Arizona; Shiloh Civil War (one plated and one not); four Civil War Centennials (on Lincoln cent, Indian head cent, Roosevelt dime, and Washington quarter); one Stone Mountain, Georgia which is a monument to Southern generals; one very poor image of a funny little Rebel with a rifle; and finally, a copy of a medal which read, "Forget hell!!"

That's all I know of elongated coins related to the Civil War. The are some GAR encampment coins that would qualify, but I haven't seen any listed for sale lately. If anyone knows of additional issues, and especially where I can get them, please write me. Also write if you can shed any light on the Gar coins. I will be happy to reimburse you for postage. *(Anita's address is listed on page 2.)*

Auction Results

By: Anita Zell, #1846

January 15, 1997, was the closing day for bids on the 1901 Pan-Am Expo, Alt-Nurnberg elongated cent. Bids received were from $13.75, that was me, the bargain hunter, (cheapskate?) up to the winning bid of $15.25. The winner was Harold Marcel of Flushing, New York. Well, actually there was one bid even lower than mine, he was a *real* bargain hunter. It was a fun thing, maybe we'll do it again sometime. Thanks for your participation. Now the club is $15.25 richer, or will be, as soon as Harold and I make our exchange.

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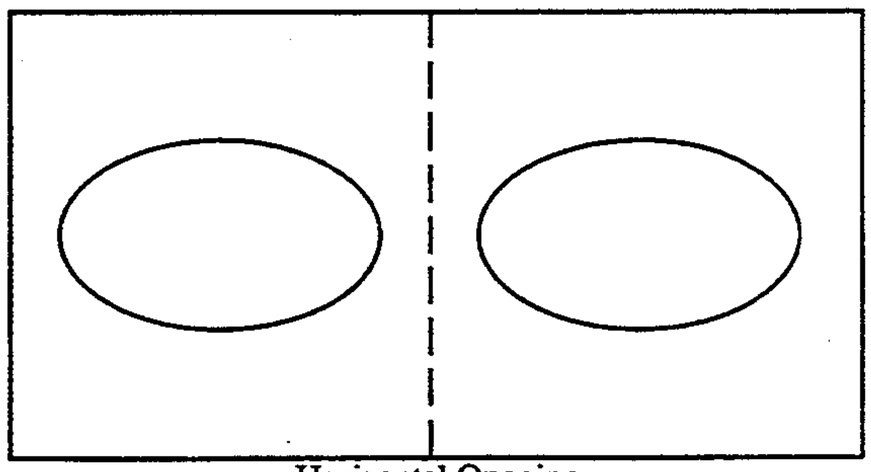

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From the Editor

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for the bonanza of contributions to the Spring edition of *TEC News*. We have a few new authors this time with great articles! I also appreciate hearing your comments on our new look. You may notice some slight modifications based on a few suggestions. We are using "ragged right" formatting instead of justified, and have returned to a serif typeface for a dressier, more readable newsletter. Keep sending your comments.

Since a roster seems to be the hot button this issue, it makes sense to ask about other information from our members. For $3.00 members can purchase a list of names and addresses. Even more valuable information would include collection highlights, family information, other collections held, etc.

For instance, Pearl Buoker, in addition to elongated coins, collects tourist postcards with a map of the state on them. She could use many more items to complete her collection. It would be quite easy for any of us to go to a local "tourist trap" and pick up a postcard for Pearl. We sent her one from California. I'll bet that many of us have parallel interests in collecting other items.

The most common question I'm asked is, "How did you get started collecting elongateds?" It would be fun to compile an article outlining the various stories our members have for how they got started. Sit down right now and jot a few notes and send them to me. I will incorporate them into an article. I would also like to hear from members #1000 and down about some of the early days of the club.

We are always looking for new members, so I have developed a plan to give us greater exposure. (We found out about TEC by research at the library in a reference book about clubs and associations. We first had to find out from a machine vendor that "squished pennies" were actually elongated coins. In fact, I went onto the internet, into a kids' chat room and asked if anyone had any elongated coins – nothing. Then I rephrased the question using "squished pennies" and received several responses. We need to make sure any proposed TEC computer site includes references to our hobby in general layman's terms. Back to my plan: as a printer, I can produce TEC business cards very cheaply. The card could include our name, a contact address, dues and benefits information and a free elongated offer. Our general membership could distribute these at elongated vending machine sites near them or at flea markets, collectibles conventions, antique stores or anywhere prospects might gather. Depending on demand, I could offer these at a penny each.

As a relatively new member to the hobby, the study of the "oldies" interests me. Where do the vat majority of older specimens lie? Are the spread out among hundreds of collectors, or are they concentrated into relatively few collections? Obviously, some of our members have vast collections encompassing, perhaps, nearly the full contents of Dow/Martin or any addenda. Those of you who fall into this category could be quite helpful to us newcomers. There have only been two advertised sales of these coins in the two years that we've been around. What about the coins not for sale? Where is the future source of specimens for the great majority of our club with limited amounts of "oldies?" I am not suggesting anybody liquidate their collections; just that they publish the contents of their collections. It is reasonable to suggest that if more folks know about a collection, those faced with selling it in the future would receive a fair market price for it. Thanks to all who made periodic sales. It gave me a chance to acquire a few nice old keepsakes.

Collection Highlights

By: Joe Vaughn, #944

Gus, in his letter in the TEC News Winter issue stated he would like to hear about the collections of different people, so here goes.

My wife and I used to square dance quite a bit and traveled all of the U.S. and Canada making all of the National Square Dance Conventions. I was always on the lookout for any elongated coin that had to do with the states we traveled through. Texas has the Alamo; California, the Golden Gate Bridge; Mt. St. Helens in Washington; New York, with its Statue of Liberty; Mt, Rushmore in South Dakota; Stone Mountain in Georgia; and the list goes on and on.

Just recently, I purchased Angelo Rosato's *Encyclopedia of the Modern Elongated* and received a good number of elongated coins with my order—a nice addition to my collection.

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Profitable Collecting

By: Chris Aahz, #2062

All of my life I have been two things: poor and a collector. The juxtaposition of these aspects of my life has led to one major drawback; obsession with the resale value of my collectibles.

When I was about seven years old, like most young boys, I started collecting comic books. My father had a stash of more than 100 old issues of *Detective Comics* and *Batman.* I read and reread every issue several times; carried a few to school every day; and exchanged them with my friends. We pooled our money and managed to scrape up enough to by two or three issues each week at the local Woolworth's.

One day, a glorious and horrible thing happened—a comic book store opened within walking distance. Of course, my entire group of friendswas there for the Grand Opening. We stared in awe at the thousands of comics that filled the walls, shelves, tables and storage boxes. It seemed like heaven on Earth. Then one of us noticed the prices on some of the back issues. The cheapest ones we could find were more than a dollar. The average price was around five bucks. They even had some comics that were more than $100 apiece; a bit over the current cover price of thirty-five cents!

When I asked the clerk why the prices were so high, he showed us the new *Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide.* Most of his prices were a little less than those listed in the guide. I immediately looked up the oldest *Detective Comics* I had received from my father. It was worth $30! That seemed like all the money in the world to a seven year old kid from the wrong side of town. And that was for just one comic! Since I had over 100 books, our eyes lit up with dollar signs. My friends and I headed home, packed up our comic collections and lugged them down to the store to collect our new-found wealth.

Not only did we not find riches that afternoon, but the shop did not buy a single one of our comics. The clerk told us that they were all too damaged to be worth anything. Then he taught us about mylar sleeves, backing boards an other ways to "preserve the value of our investment." Within six months, I was no longer reading comic books. I was still buying them, but instead of reading them and sharing with my friends, I'd simply buy them, bag them and box them. I still thought I was going to be rich when, in fact, I was much poorer because I let thoughts of profit ruin the fun of collecting.

What does all this long-winded reminiscing have to do with elongated coins? Well, I'll get to that in a minute.

In the twenty years that have elapsed since that "comic book summer," I have collected stamps, coins, trading cards (sport, non-sport and collectible card game), license plates, books, action figures, comics again,toys autographs, political memorabilia, records, lunch boxes, movie memorabilia and numerous other items. I no longer collect any of these things, nor do I have the collections. Why? Because the collecting lost its fun each time when profit reared its ugly head. Sure, I made some small profits. I even supported myself as an independent collectibles broker for a short time. But, I lost all the pleasures of collecting.

Now, I collect two things: vampires and elongates. Collecting vampires is such an eccentricity that there will never be a price guide or profit margin involved. While elongates have reference books, I have been

impressed by the generous nature of the TEC members I've dealt with in the nearly two years since I started collecting elongates. Trading is still commonplace within TEC, new elongates can be purchased for less than a buck. Many free issues are even available. All of this removes the profit motive and enriches the pleasure of collecting. 2054

With all this in mind, I was greatly disturbed by A. A. Rosato's article in the last issue of TEC News. While Mr. Rosato's articles are always enjoyable and informative, the main thrust of this article seemed to be profit. I accept that when people are looking to dispose of their collection, they would like to receive as much as possible in return, however, I don't believe anyone should actively collect with end profit in mind. The pleasure of collecting itself - finding and issue you've never heard of or seeing the glow in someone's face as they look over your collection and making new friends - is the true profit from the hobby.

Hitchhiker's Guide to Elongated Coins (...Continued)

By: William C. Massey, #1857

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you that have already contributed to the effort of cataloging the whereabouts of elongated coin souvenir vending machines throughout the world. Please rest assured that your benevolence will not go unrewarded - in due time.

While I an certainly pleased with the responses I have received thus far, I still need much more information (however, Disney Worls has been covered quite sufficiently.) Please help our common cause!

Simply jot down any information (the more detailed the better) on the location of elongated souvenir vending machines and send it to me (if you include specimens of the coins, you will definitely receive extra benevolence from me - eventually.)

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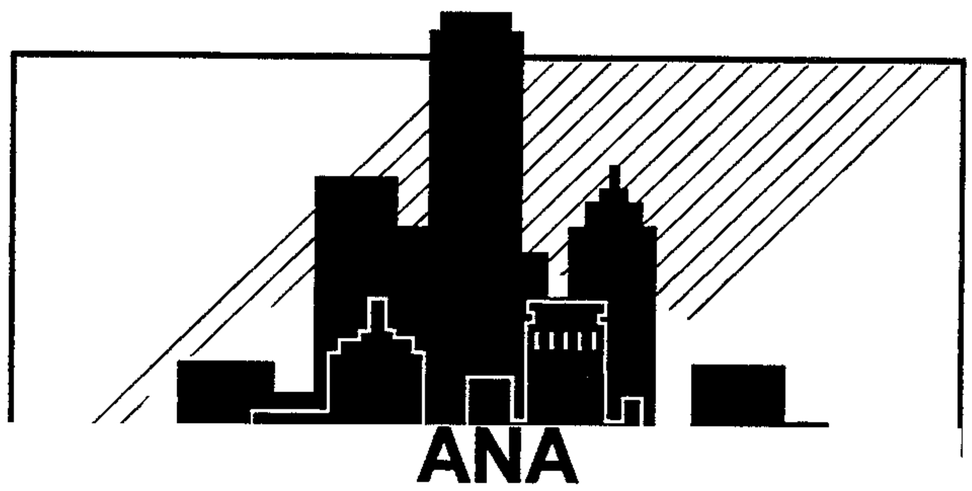

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I HAD A DREAM by Lee Martin

Recently I enjoyed rereading the classic fairy tales of my youth. The one about a Fairy Godmother interested me and I muttered "Wow, I'd sure like one of those. She would grant me three wishes and I'd get everything I wanted." No sooner said than a voice said "You have been given a Fairy Godfather, congratulations." Sure enough there he stood. I must admit I was surprised at his appearance. He was ragged, old, fat and to put it mildly fat to a point where the word obese was inadequate.

I don't think I impressed him very much because he frowned and said "O.K. Here I am. What do you want? I bet it is the usual health, wealth and happiness bit." I said, "You are probably right but why did I get a fairy godfather instead of a mother.?" He answered with a sensible reason." Your wife would not appreciate another women in your life so I got the job."

O.K., my first wish is for perfect health. The godfather promptly said, "You don't really want that as it could kill you." I was surprised and answered "How can perfect health kill me?" He shrugged and said, "Perfect health means you have no warning of any problems and a ruptured appendix could easily kill you." His reasoning puzzled me and I said , "But perfect health means no appendix problems." "Nope, it means no illness, and an appendix is not an illness. Neither is a tumor or lots of other things the body creates."

At that point I said, "Put the health thing on hold and grant me great wealth." Once again I heard unwanted data when he said, "You are making another error in judgment." My answer was a frustrated "I know I will have to pay taxes and I will gladly do it." His response was discouraging. "If I grant you enough money to make you wealthy, how will you make the Treasury agents satisfied?" I said, "If I pay the taxes, why would they need more explanations?" His answer was a shocker..."When unexplained money in excess of ten thousand dollars exists, it is assumed that the money may be drug connected and laundering of cash is on the scene. That crime is punishable by long jail terms. What would you say when they ask for the source, that your fairy godfather gave you the money?"

At this I became frustrated and said "O.K. I have you now, my third and final wish is for ten thousand more wishes, HA!" He laughed and sneered "You just made another mistake" "Oh no; you don't; give me what I asked for." He said, "You forgot to add the word 'grant', meaning the wishes would be active and so you can wish for all you want but none can be granted."

"I give up and want you to get out of my dream right away" was the only thing I could think of but he answered, "Tell you what ...you are a collector of elongateds so make a wish for elongated coins and I promise to make it come true." I was appreciative of that gesture and immediately said "I want 1,000 of very old and very short mintage elongated pennies." He said "You can open this box and the coins will be there but once again you have fouled up."

I grabbed the box ,looked in and discovered he had rolled 1,000 English pennies which I knew were illegal to roll or own. He then began to fade from my red - faced threatening glare and said "Cents are U. S. coins but pennies are English! "

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Computer Mail...Where's the love?

Larry Feit, #1795

In Lee Martin's Mutterings in the last *TEC News* (Winter '97, page 4.), Lee says he's writing his article and sending it by e-mail. Our editor can be reached at: wsons@aol.com. Lee is not one of those "computer whiz kids" who hangs rock and roll posters in his bedroom, yet he has entered the world of computer e-mail.

I like opening mail my postman delivers in red envelopes from my nine year-old niece, Anne Marie. Contained within are hand-colored drawings of her friend's kitty cat and the words, "I love you," inside a red crayon heart. But for fast, easy and less emotional messages, e-mail works great! TEC needs more articles. I'm writing about e-mail and have sent this article to Corey using it.

I propose that the January 1998, *TEC News* issue include a listing of interested members' e-mail addresses. I'll be in charge of that if the membership wants it. Anyone interested in this simple, inexpensive and quick way to correspond with other members, forward your e-mail address to me at ccl@wwa.com (ccl stands for my company, Chicago Computer and Light, Inc.)

I further propose that TEC build and manage a web page on the World Wide Web. A web page is like a pamphlet or brochure on a computer screen which can explain TEC, show coin rolling, allow viewers to correspond with TEC, etc. I propose a launch date of January 1, 1998. I will be in charge of the web page for a year or two if TEC wants.

Please voice your opinions ASAP and let the editor or me know what you think and how you might be willing to help. The possibilities are endless. Elongated collections can be displayed in full detail; coins sold/traded; we can even show a 60 second video clip of a coin being rolled.

I will attend the next TEC annual meeting in New York and propose these ideas. I want some opinions heard and work done before then, so let's go.

Thanks and blessings to all.

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Some Membership Roster Ideas

by

Matt Birchard, TEC #1848

In response to our President's suggestion of the publishing of a membership roster, I whole-heartedly agree that our club would benefit from one. I have been a member of TEC for around four years now and have always enjoyed the TEC News. However, throughout all my past issues, even in the Winter 1997 issue, there is the constant urging for more members. Our club officers are always reminding the general membership that more members would benefit the organization. I agree with this. However, I personally don't know how many dues-current members we have. As the years have passed, our club seems to lose a few members who do not renew. Efforts have been made to remind members to pay their dues. These efforts have had some success. But still, no reporting of our current ranks.

Also, I know that my membership number, 1848, is my number for life. A new member's number is simply the next highest unissued number. Therefore, newer members have higher membership numbers. This system should not be changed because it works well. It tells me that our club has only ever issued around 2000 membership numbers. I know that our current ranks must be smaller than 2000, but I don't know. That is why I would like a membership roster.

I know quite a lot about our club. Once a year the financial situation of the club is reported in the TEC News, plus officer elections, convention information and the like. The functioning's of TEC are pretty apparent to me, but I don't know much about the members. I have not had the opportunity to attend any of the conventions, and have only met one other member face to face. Before I discovered TEC, I was an isolated collector. Now, I'm connected to the community, but I still feel isolated. A membership roster could at least tell me what other members live around me. To quote our By-Laws, Article I, Section 2, "The purpose of the society shall be to encourage and promote the study, acquisition and exhibition of elongated coins and related items, to cultivate friendly relations among collectors and students thereof;" So, now that I've kind of made my case for why I think our club could benefit from a membership roster, here are my suggestions.

In addition to being an elongated collector, I am a classic car buff. I own a 1959 Nash Metropolitan and belong to the Metropolitan Owners Club of North America. This club, MOCNA, publishes a yearly membership roster. Many of the ideas used in this roster could be used with our club. First of all, to address the issue of the roster being used for business purposes, the following is printed on the first page: "Use of this listing for personal profit or sales as a mailing list has been prohibited by the By-Laws unless permission is obtained from the Board of Directors." The By-Laws of TEC could be amended to include a clause such as this (See Article VI of the TEC By-Laws).

Then the question that arises is at what time of the year would the membership roster be published? Again turning to the TEC By-Laws, Article II, Section 5 states; "...members not paying their dues for any year prior to March 31 shall be dropped from membership." Therefore, a membership roster could be

published in the month of April which contains all dues-current members as of April 1st of each year.

Next the format of the roster would need to be considered. My car club, MOCNA, uses an alphabetical listing of members by state, with foreign members listed by country. Each listing includes a member's full name, mailing address, membership number, and phone number. Also to be included in the next publication of the MOCNA roster is any member's e-mail address. A very handy feature which is at the front of the roster is an alphabetical cross reference. This lists every member alphabetically by last name with their membership number and the state or country in which they live. This allows you to refer to the member's full listing. Hence the name, cross reference.

I believe that the membership roster should be updated yearly to reflect the current membership. I also believe that the roster should be free to all dues-current members. To charge for it would not get it into every member's hands, regardless of price. The roster could be mailed out separate from the TEC News, thus not making one depend on the completion of the other. True the publishing of a roster would have a cost, but these should be absorbed by the club and maintained by dues payments. Maybe the dues amount would have to be slightly increased, but this is just speculation.

Well, that is my suggestion. I hope that each member will consider this and let the members of TEC know what you think. Anyone with a better or different idea? Reasons why you think we shouldn't have a membership roster? I'd be interested to hear them.

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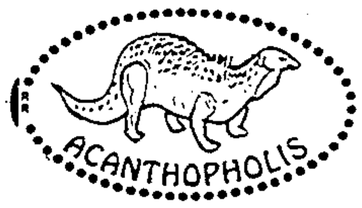

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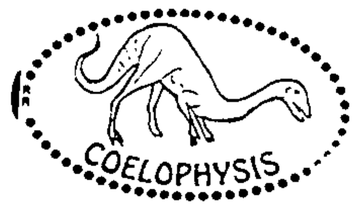

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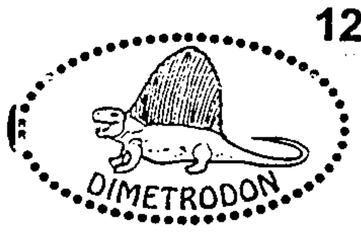

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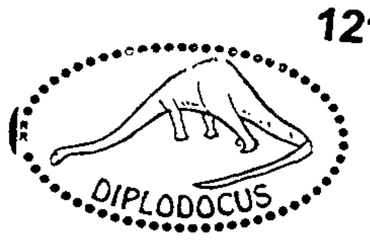

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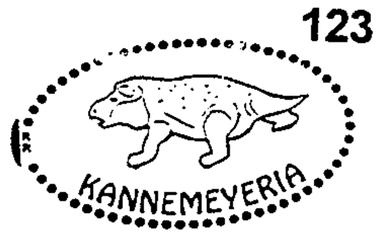

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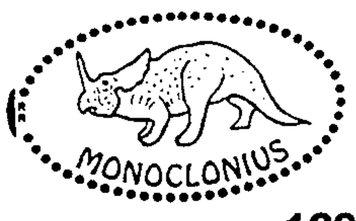

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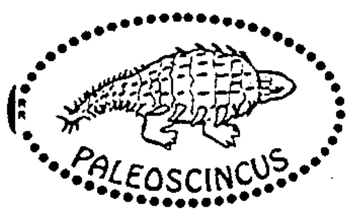

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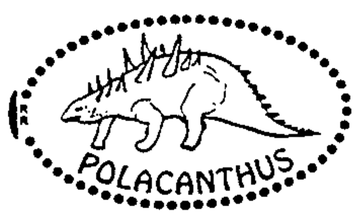

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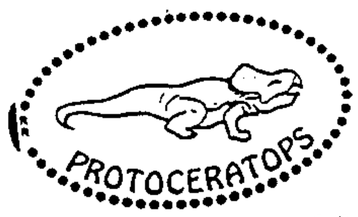

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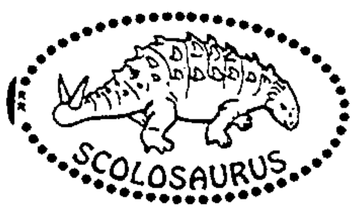

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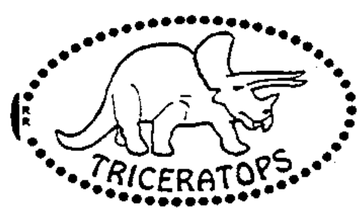

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